(d) in case Government had not approved these decisions in what manner these have been implemented;

(e) whether it is a fact that such meetings have been held subsequently also by the Development Commissioner (PI) and if so, what were the items discussed and the decisions taken; and

(f) whether it is a fact that at these meetings decisions have been taken to outright support the producers to harm the interest of the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) The meeting held on 24th April, 1991 with the officers of BICP was for obtaining certain clarifications. BICP is an expert body of the Government on costing and price determination and interaction with officers of the BICP for discussing various matters is a normal process of inter-departmental consultation.

(f) No, Sir.

Submission on form 2-A by Drug Companies

1968. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the companies which have submitted the details in form-2A to his Ministry in respect of non-scheduled formulations on 25th August, 1937;

(b) when was form-2A prescribed and when was it decided to extend its applicapability with retrospective effect;

(c) what are the names of the products of each company in respect of which details in form-2A have been furnished;

(d) what has been done to these details and what are the products and their retail prices which have been found in order; and

(e) what are the products where Government have intervened and brought about the reduction in price, what are the details of earlier and reduced price and what is the extent of reduction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Form 2-A was introduced vide Para 3 of S.O. No. 273-E dated 22-3-88, which came into force on the date of its publication in Official Gazette.

(c) The number of companies in the organised sector is about 250 and in the small scale sector about 8000. The number of decontrolled formulations in large variety of pack sizes is enormous. Thus information being voluminous one, the time and labour involved in the collection and compilation of this voluminous information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(d) Information received under Form 2-A is subjected to random check and the prices indicated appeared reasonable in majority of cases.

(e) In case of unusual price increases, Government intervenes to bring the price to a reasonable level. This is a continuous process. Details of such cases during 1991-92 are given in the Annexure.

[See Appendix XCII Annexure No. 37]

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